

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the current Abstract with the following new Abstract.

--A chat system for a digital television network comprises a digital operator head end system [(301)] for broadcasting to subscriber decoders [(309)]. The head end system comprises a chat room creation device [(307)] which communicates with a chat server [(314)] to create, cancel and/or join an event related chat room, a trigger timer-device [(306)] which may be programmed to activate itself at the occurrence of an event and automatically sends a request for creation of a chat room to the chat room creation device, a broadcast device ~~(310, 311, 313)~~ used for preparing a transmission of information to the subscriber decoders, and a notification server [(308)] to generate a notification message to be transmitted by the broadcast device, the notification message being related to the creation of an event related chat room.